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31 January 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)
SUBJECT: Letter from J. Walter Yeagley,
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosed is a proposed reply to Mr. J. Walter Yeagley's letter
of 23 January 1961.



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Chief
Western Hemisphere Division

Enclosure:
Suggested Reply
Mr. Yeagley's letter

cc: DDCI
DDP

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles:

to [redacted] his letter has already been sent
and [redacted] for coordination with the CI Staff
Division in the preparation of an
appropriate reply for your signature.

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Department of Justice

Washington

January 23 1961

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Honorable Allen Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D.C.

Attention:

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Dear Mr. Dulles:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has made an investigation and submitted information to this Division concerning recent activities of the following persons and organizations, and has requested our opinion as to whether or not possible violations of the Neutrality laws are indicated and whether further investigation is desired.

In each instance I am advising the Bureau that no investigation is desired at the present time, but that these matters will be discussed with the new administration after January 20. In brief, the facts in each case are as follows:

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allegedly a "prominent United States diver," reportedly was contacted by Cuban friends and offered \$25,000 to destroy the main refinery supplying diesel fuel for power in Santiago Harbor in Cuba. Tentative plans call for the purchase of a two-man submarine from an unknown individual on Long Island to be used in the operation. If the oil refinery is in fact owned by the Cuban government, there could conceivably be a violation of 18 U.S.C. 956.

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[redacted] of the captioned organization [redacted] in the Miami area. Members of this group reportedly will receive military training in Florida preparatory to an invasion of Cuba. The group allegedly has arms, ammunition and access to several boats which will be used to transport the group to Cuba. These allegations indicate a possible violation of 18 U.S.C. 960.

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3. Subject:

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The captioned organization [redacted] reportedly had a group of 70 men scheduled to begin training at an unknown camp near Ocala, Florida, preparatory to engaging in sabotage and guerilla warfare against the Castro regime.

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[redacted] a functionary of [redacted] is allegedly trying to obtain information from some qualified United States military source on the training and organization of the MDC group. These allegations indicate a possible violation of 18 U.S.C. 960.

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4. Subject: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
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A group of some 25 men have received military training on property belonging to [redacted] The group was moved to this property at the suggestion of Miguel Pons, former Cuban Naval Attache, who assured [redacted] that she would be reimbursed for her expenses. This information indicates possible violation of 18 U.S.C. 960.

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I would be interested in the comments or observations you would wish to make on any of these.

Sincerely,



J. WALTER YEAGLEY
Assistant Attorney General

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